

**Pinchbeck Elementary School  
PTA General Meeting  
April 18, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Liesel Geiger

**Opening:** Liesel Geiger called the meeting to order at 7pm in the cafeteria of Pinchebeck Elementary.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by Marie Hess

- The minutes from the March 18, 2010, PTA General Membership meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Robin Jager

- The Treasurer's Report is filed.

**Information Updates:**

Outdoor Classroom Landscaping Report and Budget Vote:

- The PTA worked hard last year, raising money to build the Outdoor Classroom. The classroom was completed this fall and, now that the winter is behind us, we are looking forward to it being used by teachers and students as a way to introduce nature and fresh air into the curriculum.
- The school has received a generous offer from the Canterbury Garden Club to provide landscaping around the classroom that will beautify the area while providing screening from the traffic that passes by the classroom. The Garden Club has applied for and received a \$1200.00 grant that they will be using to purchase indigenous, draught-resistant plants to place around the outdoor classroom.
- In addition, the PTA Board has approved a new Board position for next year who will be responsible for overseeing the upkeep and care of the Outdoor Classroom. The Landscaping PTA Chair will recruit volunteers to work in the garden and perform basic maintenance in order to ensure that the garden flourishes.
- Because the soil near the outdoor classroom is poor, the Garden Club is recommending that we purchase additional soil and mulch to build up the beds, prior to planting. The amount of soil and mulch necessary to support the proposed plants is estimated to cost between \$800.00 and \$1200.00. The Garden Club has asked that the PTA subsidize the purchase of the soil and mulch so that they can use their entire \$1200.00 grant on the purchase of plants and shrubs.
- The Garden Club is also requesting that any moneys left over after the purchase of the soil and mulch be put towards supplies that can be used by the PTA Landscape Chair to maintain the garden in the future. This would include soaker hoses as well as locked storage for the hoses.
- Robin Jager, by direction of the PTA Board, proposed to use up to \$1200 of the allocation fund to pay for the soil, mulch, hoses and storage. The Allocation Fund currently contains \$2290.87. This is money that was set aside at the beginning of the year in order to ensure that our direct donation budget goals would be met. As you will recall, our direct donation fundraising was very successful, meeting our budgetary needs without using the Allocation Fund.
- Liesel Geiger explained that a motion from a committee of more than one does not need a second. There were no questions or discussions regarding the motion. A vote was called. The motion was passed.

Nominating Committee and Report and Election of Officers

- Liz Farber read the section of the bylaws concerning the nomination of officers.
- On behalf of the Nominating Committee (**Jeanie Drummond, Patty LaFratta and Heidi Jadowski**) Liz reported the following individuals have accepted the nomination for positions on the Executive Committee for the **2010-2011** academic year:  
President-Elect: **Marie Hess**  
Vice President: **Kelly Whitley**  
Corresponding Secretary: **SuAnne Blair**  
Recording Secretary: **Cathy Calhoun**  
Treasurer: **Robin Jager**  
The position of President will be filled by our current President-Elect, **Liz Farber**.
- A voice vote was held. The officers were elected.

Athena Asselanis Volunteer of the Year Award

- Jeannie Drummond, Volunteer Chairperson, presented Becky Myers with the Athena Asselanis Volunteer of the Year Award.

**Principal's Report:** presented by Mrs. Carlisle

- The Recognition Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 and 9:30.

- Please complete the parent survey; it is available on the Henrico County webpage.

**Announcements:** Copies of yearbook are still available.

**Adjournment:** Liesel Geiger adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:10 pm.